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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for 8-16 lb. hens was steady to fully steady. Toms 16-24 lb. were generally steady. Demand remains mixed with the most interest noted for out front deliveries. No sales reported. Offerings of hens adequate to barely adequate with the 8-10 lb. and 10-12 lbs. finding the least availability. Offerings of toms mixed and varies by region. Bulk parts and meats trading was generally slow, trading centered on light volumes of tom breast meat.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand light. Trading centered on light volumes of tom drums, balance of items inactive. Buyers remain cautious and selective toward there purchases.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 16, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	66-67	66.38	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62-	61.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65.5-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.38	66.10**	73.00**
CENTRAL REGION	65.63	64.50	72.50**
WESTERN REGION	66.25	66.10**	73.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00**	62.60**	70.50**
CENTRAL REGION	61.10**	61.00	69.50**
WESTERN REGION	62.25	62.20**	70.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 20-AUG-2001

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS	LBS TOMS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u> <u>PRICE</u> <u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.38	84 70.00
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.38	84 70.00
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

JULY	446,822*
AUGUST 1-11, 2001	169,861*
To date 2001	3,135,118*
To date 2000	3,225,648*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-Aug-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	PW	WT	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	WT	
N EAST	872	0	22.30	(A)	874 22.30
S ATL	831	-4	29.80	(A)	833 29.80
N CENT	2,405	-1	27.49	(A)	2,408 27.49
S CENT	457	10	19.60	(A)	459 19.60
WEST	542	-6	21.00	(A)	544 21.00
U.S.TOTAL	5,107(B)	-1	25.29	11	5,118 25.29
TO DATE					
2001	151,521(B)		386		151,907
TO DATE					
2000	150,450(B)		901		151,351

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 26,000; for the year 1,287,000; last year to date 665,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-Aug-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,141	2,940	26	11	5,118
AVG WT	15.30	33.08	24.15	33.82	25.59
LAST WEEK	2,091	2,985	82	14	5,172
SAME WK YR AGO	2,317	2,973	35	2	5,327
AVG WT	15.23	30.58	24.73	22.37	23.86
TO-DATE/2001	64,135	86,099	1,287	386	151,907
TO-DATE/2000	149,785(A)		665	901	151,351

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 AUGUST 2001.

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. breasts and steady at best on institutional sizes. Demand on 4-8 lb. breasts and institutional sizes was slow to moderate. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts were light, institutional sizes available. Trade sentiment on bulk parts ranged from firm on drums and hen 2-joint wings to steady to fully steady, mostly steady on the balance of items. Bulk parts demand was the most active on drums with the balance of bulk parts ranging from slow to instances fair. The market on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady at best for the light to sometimes fair demand. Trading centered on fair volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins from current production for prompt domestic shipments and frozen MST for export, balance light. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts traded at 94-100 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	11
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00-33.00		30.60	25
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.27	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	27.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	50.00	35
NECKS, TOM	28.00-31.00		28.32	65
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	163.00		163.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	177.00-178.00		177.33	60
THIGH MEAT		T	60.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	30
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	117.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS	138.00		138.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	146.00		146.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	152.00-155.00		152.74	53
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	67.00	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	30.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.50	208
TAILS		W	29.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.50-16.00		15.37	496
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	58.50	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 17 AUGUST 2001.

Seller sentiment was steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat, yet, some buyers have no problems filling needs resulting in a mostly steady buyer sentiment. The undertone was mixed on frozen tom breast meat with some processors noting buyer bids at lower trending price levels. Fresh tom breast meat demand was moderate for the uneven offerings, frozen light. Trade sentiment was generally steady on fresh destrapped tenderloins and mixed on frozen. Destrapped tenderloin demand ranged slow to moderate with fresh the most active. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins ranged from light on fresh to mixed on frozen and being held with varying degrees of confidence. Trading centered on light volumes of fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on tom drums for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	80	97.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	20	30.15	39
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	31.00		31.00	12	31.00	12
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	20	30.58	165
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	27.27	55	27.27	219
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	35.00		35.00	20	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-31.00		30.00	40	29.28	72
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	20	50.00	20
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40	28.16	361
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	163.00	40	163.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00-177.00		176.17	338	175.95	1,158
THIGH MEAT		T	60.00	6	60.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	61.00	30		
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	117.00	40	117.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		R	138.00	40	138.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	146.00	400	146.00	520
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	152.74	53	151.72	293
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00		67.00	20	67.00	46
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.00	80	13.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	49	16.82	849
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		30.14	280	30.27	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.50		27.50	40	27.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.50	208	28.50	208
TAILS		W	29.00	160	29.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	15.37	496	15.37	496
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00		59.00	184	59.04	420

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